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## **Soledad Mountain Road Landslide Construction Update**

**September 23, 2008**

Newsletters will continue to be delivered or mailed to you approximately once a month to keep you up-to-date regarding the status of ongoing construction work on Soledad Mountain Road (SMR) and Desert View Drive (known as the Alley). Please keep in mind that the work and schedule can change rapidly and may not allow for the usual several days of advance notice.

### **CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

The City of San Diego and Hazard Construction have completed the construction of the shear pins, retaining wall, and sewer and water mains on SMR. We are currently installing the natural gas line and the conduits for the underground dry utilities (electrical, telephone, and cable TV). The contractor will also be working on sidewalks, curb and gutters, removing fences, and other items of work along SMR. Barring unforeseen events, we believe the road will be paved and opened for traffic during the last half of October.



### **CONTINUED SAFETY AND SCHEDULE NOTE**

The landslide area will remain closed during the construction period due to safety concerns. Geotechnical consultants will continue to be on site to monitor construction activities and to record data from the site. Changes in site conditions can dramatically affect the project schedule; you will be kept updated via these newsletters.

### **WORKING HOURS**

Construction will continue to take place Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Occasional work on Saturdays may also be required.

### **DESERT VIEW ALLEY SHEAR PINS**

The next and final phase of construction is scheduled to start in mid October, and will involve the installation of approximately 44 shear pins in the slope to the west of the Desert View alley. Please note that parking will be prohibited in the alley during the installation of some of the shear pins. Trucks delivering shear pin steel cages on Desert View Drive will result in temporary closures to through traffic in the center section of Desert View Drive. On-street parking will also be restricted on Desert View Drive on the days that the cages are delivered. Residences will be notified by door hangers at least 24 hours in advance of the time when on street parking will be prohibited.





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SDG&E and the other dry utility companies are temporarily relocating their overhead lines on Desert View Drive, east of the landslide area, to allow the shear pin cages to be lifted to the alley area.

The City's Resident Engineer will be on site to monitor these construction activities. There will be no vehicular access along the alley for the homes south of the landslide area, once this work begins in October. We are currently considering arrangements for trash collection for the alley homes without direct access.

### **TRAFFIC ON DESERT VIEW DRIVE**

City staff has visited most homes in the area of Desert View Drive to alert the residents of the upcoming construction. Grading in the Desert View alley will begin in mid October, and as a result, trucks will be using Desert View Drive to move soil from the site. There will be increased construction traffic along Desert View Drive. The presence of large construction equipment and the delivery of shear pin steel cages will result in the temporary closure of through-traffic in the center section of Desert View Drive. However, since the work in the alley area will begin after Soledad Mountain Road has re-opened, only local traffic should be using Desert View Drive.



Security guards will continue to stop all motorists attempting to access Desert View Drive, and refer those who do not live in the area to the designated detour route. The two traffic security check points on SMR will be removed once the road is re-opened for traffic. Construction personnel are reminded in weekly staff meetings to adhere to the posted speed limits. We continue to monitor traffic to determine if any additional measures are necessary. Periodically, San Diego Police patrol officers will be on Desert View Drive using radar to detect and deter speeding motorists.

### **PROJECT CONTACTS**

We are committed to your safety and to doing our best to address your concerns; however, in case of an emergency, please dial 911 for assistance. If you have questions or need additional information about the project, please do not hesitate to contact the following individuals.

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